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MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member, Sri A. K. Thangavel Mudaliar, is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

Industrial co-operative societies

* 160 Q.—SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend provident fund benefits to employees working in the industrial co-operative societies; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The Employees' Provident Funds Act, 1952, is even at present applicable to establishments or factories of Industrial Co-operative Societies which are engaged in any of the Industries specified in Schedule I of the said Act and which belong to the class of establishments to which the Act has been extended under section 1 (3) (b) except :

(i) to the establishments registered under the Co-operative Societies Act, 1912 (2 of 1912) or under any other law for the time being in force in any State relating to Co-operative Societies employing less than 50 persons working without the aid of power; and

(ii) to all handloom factories organised as Industrial Co-operatives which have been exempted from the purview of the Act as a class, up to 31st December 1964.

Assembly constituencies

* 161 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to recommend to the Central Government to re-delimit the Assembly constituencies in view of the increased population; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDAM : Sir, are the Government aware that some of the neighbouring States, having less population, have got a larger number of seats in the Assembly?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am afraid the hon. Member has not understood how delimitation of constituencies is done. For every parliamentary seat, we have five seats in the Assembly. It is open to the States to have seven seats in the Assembly instead of five. Therefore, it is not according to population.